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W. A. M. Burden called here this morning and we had a good talk about foreign affairs and art. Aside from his extensive business activities, Bill is [redacted]-active as President of the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

I lunched with Audrey, Lavinia Lamont, and Eugénie Thayer, and tried to work out with them a suitable itinerary for their approaching motor trip.

Mr. Preston Hotchkis, who is about to attend a UNESCO meeting in Geneva and about whom John McCone had written, [redacted] conversed with me about the proposed International Finance Corporation which has been proposed as an auxiliary of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

To further the girls' trip, I saw Mr. Blitz, of Europe Cars, this afternoon and arranged with him to put a Ford at their disposition beginning next Monday.

De Staercke came to see me to discuss the situation resulting from the refusal of Mendès-France to attend next week the Foreign Ministers' conference proposed by Spaak.

Paul McNutt came by the office. He has just returned from a long trip through many Asian countries. He says the strength of the Communists everywhere he travelled is greater than it has been at any time during his experience in that part of the world.

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